



## YSGOL BABANOD LADYWELL GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Many thanks for your patience, understanding and support over the past week as we put in place measures to support you and our children over the next month.

Government announcements are changing by the day and we are currently working with other partners to ensure all our children get suitable provision during this time.

This morning, our Local Authority have announced that **for children whose parents work in any of the key services**, schools will be open as 'normal' (which includes breakfast club) on Monday and Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) next week. From Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, it is possible that childcare will move to one central school in Newtown, more details will follow.

The care is only for a limited number of children and the Government has asked that where possible, children should remain at home and asked for schools to remain open only for those children who need it. The fewer children in schools, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider society.

A full list of key workers is available on the Government website and includes:

- \* Health and social care
- \* Education and childcare
- \* Key public services
- \* Local and national government
- \* Food and other necessary goods
- \* Public safety and national security
- \* Transport
- \* Utilities, communication and financial services

If you haven't already done so, please contact school to let us know if you are a key worker, and whether your child(ren) would need to access school or can be looked after at home.

The Council has also identified children with specific needs who will also go to their usual school on Monday and Tuesday. School will contact you if your child(ren) has been identified in this way as soon as confirmation of the criteria has been finalised. If you think that your child will need additional support through this time, please call me and we can discuss this matter further.

For children who are entitled to free school meals there will be a packed lunch made available, which can be collected by midday. If you require one, could you please inform us by 10am on those days.





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Having spent some time over the past few days with staff, we are now in a position to hand over Activity and Resource Packs for children to use at home with your support. These have all been handed out to children today. If your child(ren) is absent, please arrange for the pack to be collected on their behalf. They will be available from the school office on Monday and Tuesday.

If there are any concerns or you are finding things difficult, please contact your class teacher and they will get back to you as quick as possible (email addresses in activity packs). In addition to this, if you need to contact me for any reason, you are more than welcome to call the school number 01686 626303, or by using messenger on our school Facebook page.

Throughout this process, we know that the strength of our partnership of working together and looking after each other will get us through. Keep talking to those close to you and know that we as a school are always available to support. Keep remembering tough times don't last, tough people do!

I look forward to seeing you all soon when it is hoped we can all return healthy and ready for the next stage of our journey together. #keepsafe #ladywelllove

Kindest regards and the very best of wishes,

*Mrs Owen and all the staff at Ladywell Green School*

